



PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney Docket No. 289-0733981  
**RECEIVED**

MAR 13 2002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Applicant: Greg Firth

Serial No.: 09/380,932 filed January 18,  
2000, U.S. National Phase Application  
Based on PCT/GB98/00840 filed March 20,  
1998, Based on EP 97301917.7 filed March  
21, 1997

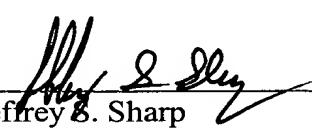
For: Extraction and Utilisation of VNTR  
Alleles

Group Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: M. Shibuya

) I hereby certify that this paper and the  
) documents referred to as enclosed  
) herewith are being deposited with the  
) United States Postal Service as First  
) Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an  
) envelope addressed to:  
) Commissioner for Patents,  
) Washington, D.C. 20231, on this  
) date:

February 27, 2002

  
Jeffrey S. Sharp

Reg. No.: 31,879

Attorney for Applicant

#18/  
K.T.  
3/13  
Suppl.  
C

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Official Action mailed August 27, 2001 in the above-identified application in which all claims (1-24, 26 and 27) stand rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C. §§112 (second paragraph), 102, 35 U.S.C. §103 and in which claim 25 stands objected to for being an improperly multiple dependent claim. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks. This response is timely filed as a petition for three months extension of time to February 27, 2002 is submitted herewith along with a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.